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In re Reissue Application of:)
Tepei YOKOTA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2655
Application No.: 10/732,887) Examiner: HINDI, NABIL Z
Filed: December 9, 2003)
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR)
RECORDING DATA ONTO A) Confirmation No.: 6181
PREDETERMINED RECORDING)
MEDIUM)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.175

I, Tepei YOKOTA, Syuuichi NAGANO, and Toshiyuki KUNIMOTO, all citizens of Japan, with residence and post office address as listed below, do hereby state and declare as follows:

1. I believe I am one of the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,628,591 B1, granted on September 30, 2003, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled, "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR RECORDING DATA ONTO A PREDETERMINED RECORDING MEDIUM."

2. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) to Japanese Patent Application No. 11-296365, filed October 19, 1999.

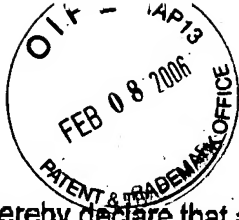
3. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the original patent claims, and the claims in the Amendment After Final filed October 12, 2005, and entered into this application by a Request for Continued Examination filed November 9, 2005.

4. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this reissue application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

5. I believe U.S. Patent No. 6,628,591 B1 to be, through error and without deceptive intent, at least partly inoperative by reason of my claiming less than I had a right to claim in the patent.

6. An error, which is a statutory basis for reissue, is that I unnecessarily limited the scope of patent protection to which I am entitled. Claims 1-27 do not cover the full breadth of my disclosed invention, and I erred by not pursuing during the original prosecution additional, broader claims, such as those filed in the Amendment After Final filed October 12, 2005, and entered into this application by a Request for Continued Examination filed November 9, 2005. For example, my patent protection provided by the issued claims need not be limited to including "judgment means for forming a judgment as to whether said first recording medium is allowed to be dubbed or prohibited from being dubbed," as required by issued claim 1. These aspects are not included in the claims set forth in new independent claims 28 and 34, for example.

7. The above-described error and all other errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intent.



8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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